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DATE: March 18, 2004  
TO: Municipal Clerk  
FROM: Byron E. Johnson, C.P.M.  
Director of Purchasing x 4313  
THRU: Isabel F. Portillo  
Bid Clerk ext. 4038

Please place the following item on the **CONSENT** agenda for the Council Meeting of **MARCH 23, 2004.**

Resolution:

That the City Council of the City of El Paso declares its willingness to work with the County of El Paso in its acquisition of a site for a new parking garage, and that City staff be directed to negotiate with the County and the City Attorney's Office to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding for the County's possible acquisition of the City's property at 215 S. Campbell Street.

Contact person: Byron E. Johnson, Director of Purchasing at 541-4313.

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AGENDA FOR: MARCH 23, 2004  
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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the County of El Paso has expressed a desire to acquire the City's property at 215 S. Campbell Street as a site for a new parking garage, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso is supportive of the County in its desire to acquire this site from the City of El Paso,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF EL PASO:**

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ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2004.

CITY OF EL PASO:

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Joe Wardy  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Theresa Cullen-Garney  
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Deputy City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Byron Johnson, CFM  
Byron Johnson  
Director of Purchasing

**Borderland** Tuesday, March 16, 2004

## County picks site for parking garage

*Charles K. Wilson*  
*El Paso Times*

County commissioners pushed forward Monday with their efforts to build a new parking garage.

Just a month after asking architectural firm C.F. Jordan to design a parking garage on a site two blocks from the County Courthouse, commissioners went back to their favored plan -- a garage next to the current facility behind the courthouse.

"That's our choice right now," County Judge Dolores Briones said of the Overland Street site owned by the city of El Paso. "It's not a done deal, but a priority site, our No. 1 priority site."



**Briones**



**Scruggs**

The on-again, off-again talks with the city revived Monday as Commissioner Charles Scruggs argued for making the garage convenient for jurors. Also, a representative of the city told commissioners that the city expected positive environmental reports back this week on the site, meaning the Overland location could be ready to go in just a few months.

Adrian Ocegueda, an executive assistant for Mayor Joe Wardy, said the city remained ready to work out a deal that would let the county acquire the land in exchange for parking spaces.

The county agreed to a design-and-build contract with C.F. Jordan for \$10 million for a 1,000-space garage on Feb. 11. But by switching locations, the garage will likely top out at 750 spaces, county officials said.

"I don't want to talk about this garage anymore," Scruggs said as commissioners voted 4-0 for the change. Commissioner Miguel Teran did not vote because his son works for C.F. Jordan.

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**Borderland** Monday, March 15, 2004

## Parking garage may move closer to becoming reality

*Charles K. Wilson*  
*El Paso Times*

County commissioners today will try to take another step forward on their bumpy path toward building a new parking garage to serve the County Courthouse.

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### Make plans

Commissioners will consider items on entering contract negotiations with C.F. Jordan, which was selected Feb. 11 to design and build a 1,000-space, \$10 million garage, and using C.F. Jordan as a site selection consultant.

- **What:** Commissioners Court meeting.

- **When, where:** 9:30 a.m. today, Commissioners Court chambers.

Commissioner Dan Haggerty, who voted against hiring C.F. Jordan, said that the oft-debated issue would likely be sharply scrutinized again, but that the county needs to move forward.

- **On TV:** 7 p.m. Wednesday on cable Channel 15.

- **Information:** 546-2000.

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Commissioners have looked for months for the right location. The county owns a half-block of land at 800 E. San Antonio, but has inquired into purchasing the Momsen Dunnigan Ryan Building to have the whole block for a garage.

"We don't have time to wait" on resolving the building purchase question, Haggerty said. "We'll take the half-block."

There has been some interest expressed by other commissioners to use the entire block for the garage, but Haggerty said the asking price may be more than the county wants to pay.

Commissioner Miguel Teran will not take part in the discussions because his son works for C.F. Jordan.

The commissioners will also hear an audit report on the county budget showing \$215.4 million in collections from assessments, fines, court costs and other areas for fiscal year 2003.

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